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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Harald LIGTENBERG et al.

Appl. No.: 10/553,188

Group Art Unit: 1794

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Examiner: James C. YAGER

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PIPE SLEEVES FROM MINERAL WOOD**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Commissioner:

This is a full and complete response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of September 18, 2008. The three month shortened statutory period to respond is set to expire December 18, 2008. In the event this response is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Request for Withdrawal of Final Status of Rejection under MPEP §706.07(a) begins on page 6 of this paper

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.